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SIR:

In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.98, copies of the references are is submitted herewith.

Statement of Relevancy

Five of the references were cited in the International Search Report. The other two references are described in the specification. English Abstracts are is attached to the Japanese references. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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